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 Dear Ron:

I recently acquired a stereo of the First National Bank of St Louis taken by Boehl & Koenig about 1865. ~~There is~~ A photocopy is enclosed ~~showing a view from the street~~ looking northwesterly from Carondelet Avenue where it veers off to the north east ~~at the intersection of~~ the south end of Broadway. The horse car line shows clearly.

What is the four storey post in front of the bank? ~~There is a~~ There is a ^{horizontal} wheel on ^{its} top. There is a rope from the wheel to the ^{roof} of the bank. Did they ~~build~~ build the bank without the clock on top and then hoist the clock on the outside of the building and swing it over the roof?

I don't think the wheel was to hang up borrowers until they paid their loans. There are ^{lots of} iron hitching posts on the streets which ~~could~~ could serve that purpose. Maybe you know what this is.